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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN PRESS COMMENTS ON QADHAAFI

1. EDITORS IN CHIEF OF AHAM AND GUMHURIYYA COMMENT IN APRIL 18 PAPERS ON QADHAAFI IN WAKE OF GOE REJECTION OF GOL PROTEST. AHAM'S ALI HAMDI AL-GAMAL REMARKS THAT ONLY BASIS OTHER THAN SICKNESS FOR QADHAAFI'S "ECCENTRIC ACTS" COULD BE DESIRE TO SUBVERT ARAB UNITY, BUT "WE WOULD RATHER BELIEVE SICKNESS IS CAUSE OF COL.'S QUEER ACTS". HE NOTES THAT FRIEND WHO HAS RECENTLY RETURNED FROM LIBYA REPORTS THAT LIBYAN PEOPLE APPRECIATIVE OF WORK OF EGYPTIANS IN LIBYA, BELYING PORTION OF RCC PROTEST WHICH THREATENS SAFETY OF EGYPTIANS THERE. AL-GAMAL CONCLUDES THAT QADHAAFI'S INFORMATION CAMPAIGN WILL SAVE HIM FROM NEITHER ISOLATION NOR SICKNESS HE IS NOW EXPERIENCING.

2. GUMHURIYYA'S MOSHEN MUHAMMAD ASKS IN HIS COLUMN "WHAT DOES BROTHER COL. QADHAAFI WANT?" AFTER LISTING EXAMPLES OF

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QADHAAFI'S ERRATIC BEHAVIOR IN CONDUCTING RELATIONS WITH

ARAB AND AFRICAN COUNTRIES, MOHSEN MUHAMMAD CONTENTS THAT QADHAAFI IS USING EXTERNAL DANGER PLOY TO RALLY RCC AND LIBYAN PEOPLE BEHIND HIM. AT SAME TIME HE KEEPS LIBYANS "BUSY" WITH HIS CONSTANT CONTRADICTORY THEMES IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS. HE CHIDES QADHAAFI FOR LATEST ATTACK ON EGYPT, REMINDING HIM THAT COMMON ENEMY IS ISRAEL, NOT EGYPT, AND THAT EGYPTIAN WORKERS WENT TO LIBYA AT QADHAAFI'S REQUEST TO HELP LIBYAN BROTHERS. HE CONCLUDES WITH SUGGESTION THAT QADHAAFI CALM HIMSELF AND CONCENTRATE ON BUILDING "A CIVILIZATION" AND GIVE UP CONSTANT CALL FOR "FAKE BATTLES".

3. COMMENT: EGYPTIANS SEEM QUITE WORRIED ABOUT FATE OF THEIR WORKERS IN LIBYA IN WAKE OF GOL PROTEST.

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